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Citizens say farewell to family store

City’s oldest operating business closes

Justin Lange

today business

An old black-and-white photograph of John Dillinger still hangs behind the counter in the feed store he opened more than 73 years ago - but not for long.

Dillinger’s Feed Store, the oldest operating business in downtown Carbondale, will close its doors at 109 S. Washington St. Saturday. The reason for the store’s demise is its failure to compete with the chain-stores.

John “J.C.” Dillinger and his wife Helen opened the store in 1935. For decades, Dillinger’s provided the region with specialty animal feed, plant seed, lawn mix, animal traps and a plethora of farming supplies.

Dillinger’s son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Judy Dillinger, operated the Dillinger Grain Elevator located two miles north of town on Highway 51. When John Dillinger’s health started deteriorating in the early 1990s, Judy began helping with day-to-day operations.

“We might have been running it, but to us, it was always John’s store,” Judy Dillinger said. The couple took over after John Dillinger’s death in 1997.

“I’m thankful John’s not here to see the store close,” Judy Dillinger said. “It was running at full force when he passed away.”

In 1995, Henry and Judy sold both the feed store and the grain elevator to prepare for their retirements.

Because no one in the family showed interest in taking over, the couple sold the store to Phil and Wilma Smith.

In 2002, the Smiths sold the store to Mike Gullett, who was interested in moving back to the Carbondale region where he works for Ameren as an electrical engineer.

Gullett knows many stories from the store’s history. The tales include tales of people standing around the old store telling stories to the time two people tried to steal the safe.

“The wheel fell off when they got it out into the brick street, so they just left it there,” Gullett said.

Gullett said he purchased the property with the intent of keeping it open and running in the same fashion as the Dillingers did.

“It does sadden me to have the store close. The reason I bought it was to get it back to speed. Obviously I wasn’t the man for the job,” Gullett said.

After the arrival of other competing stores such as Petco, Gullet said, business has never picked up enough to keep the place running. The fact he has a child on the way gave Gullet the final incentive to sell, he said.

Gullett said he planned to sell the store to Dan Terry, owner of the adjacent Newell House. The former owner said he believes Terry plans to keep the building around for another year as a warehouse while he finishes remodeling the Newell House.

After that, Terry has permission from the Carbondale Preservation Commission to tear the building down. Assistant City Manager Kevin Basyi said Dillinger’s operated when there were only a couple of places for people to buy their seed and animal feed. He attributed the recent decline in business to new franchises such as Rural King and Petco.

“They’ve been a longtime downtown staple,” Basyi said.

Dillinger’s is scheduled to have a silent auction Saturday, where people will be able to bid on items such as the old wood-burning stove and the safe. Gullett said the store will also be open to clear out its remaining inventory.

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THEFT FROM UNIVERSITY

December
SIUC Police investigate theft of $10,000 to $100,000 from the university.

March 4
Rhonda Musgrave, an administrative assistant in the political science department, is charged with two felonies relating to the theft.

April 25
Musgrave pleads not guilty to theft and Wagner preliminary hearing.

June 24
Musgrave’s attorney tells Judge Charles Grace a plea agreement is in the works.

July 14
Musgrave is set to go to trial on the theft charges.

Source: Jackson County Circuit Court documents

Pablo Tobon = Daily Egyptian

A plea agreement seems likely in the case of a former administrative assistant in the political science department who is accused of stealing thousands of dollars from the university.

Rhonda Musgrave, 41, of Aum, appeared Tuesday in Jackson County Circuit Court for a preliminary hearing on felony charges stemming from accusations by the university that she illegally spent its money for personal use. During the hearing, Musgrave’s attorneys, Jackson County Assistant Public Defender Margaret Degen, told Judge Charles Grace that a plea agreement was in the works.

Degen told the judge that Musgrave planned to pay a “substantial amount of restitution” when she received money from her pension. It was not clear how much Musgrave would pay or how much she is accused of stealing.

Musgrave pleaded not guilty April 25 to two felony charges, one for theft and the other for unlawful use of a credit card. Musgrave is accused of spending between $10,000 and $100,000 of university money at several businesses for her personal use, according to court documents.

The documents say a university-issued procurement card was used last year to take the money. The evidence listed in court included a two-page spreadsheet of fraudulent purchases, 63 pages of receipts and the names of several university employees who are potential witnesses for the prosecution.

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Blagojevich poses $1.5 billion cut

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Gov. Rod Blagojevich laid out an ultimatum for his foes in the Illinois House Tuesday, threatening a staggering $1.5 billion in painful budget cuts unless they step in soon with money to stave off the slashing.

The cuts are aimed at repairing a budget the governor says has a $6 billion hole and cover a mix of new and existing spending.

Asnead, subsidies, $15 million in school construction grants and a significant number of state employees are among the possible victims. There’s also hundreds of millions of dollars at stake for health care providers, social service agencies and colleges and universities.

Blagojevich stopped short of ordering lawmakers back to work but stressed they could easily avoid the fiscal doomday if the House returns by July 9 to approve three ideas: Creating a new $34 billion statewide construction program, borrowing to pay off pension debt and selling money out of state funds set aside for special purposes.

“This way is the best way. It’s up to the House.” Blagojevich said at a news conference at his Chicago office.

House Speaker Michael Madigan’s spokesman Steve Brown said there’s nothing new about Blagojevich pointing the finger of blame at the Madigan-led House.

“I don’t that every day,” Brown said.

The measures Blagojevich wants passed are flawed, Brown said. “Are the defects corrected?” he asked.

House Republicans, whose plan is critical to patch the hole, signaled they’re not on board the governor’s plan yet.

The announcement could signal more fighting between Blagojevich and lawmakers that has plagued the state Capitol since last year.

Democrats in the House and Senate approved a clearly unbalanced budget and left towns May 31, eager to avoid a repeat of last year’s long overtime session and happy to let Blagojevich take the heat for messy cuts.

But now the governor is trying to put the onus back on the House and Madigan, his nemesis.

The Senate, led by Blagojevich ally Emil Jones, approved the revenue-generating ideas and the capital program before leaving town.

The pension bond and fund sweeps ideas never came up for a vote in the House, and Madigan used a parliamentary maneuver to defeat the gambling-expansion fund that pays the construction package.

The governor immediately called the budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1 $32 billion out of whack, but has spent the last few weeks weighing his options. If a new budget isn’t in place not long after July 1, the state can’t pay its bills.

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CALENDAR EVENT

Student Center

Public Safety Director Todd Sigler, one of those potential witnesses, told the Daily Egyptian in April that an SIUC police investigation in December led to the charges against Musgrave. The investigation began Dec. 10 and was finished the next day, he said.

Grace left the July 14 trial date in place pending the final arrangements of a plea agreement.

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The merry-go-round of administrators in admissions and enrollment positions may continue to spin a little longer.

Rance Larsen was scheduled to be the third and final candidate for director of undergraduate admissions, but the search committee now awaits a reply from Cleveland James of Albany State College for an on-campus interview, said Janata Ghabhasi, office administrator for undergraduate admissions.

Victoria Valle, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, started the search in December and decided to extend it to ensure the university could choose from a variety of candidates.

“Who is an important search, but it’s important to get the right people,” Valle said. “I extended the search because I wanted a broader set of experiences and were looking for the right personalities.”

James, currently the director of recruitment and admissions at ASC, could join Larsen, Patzy Reynolds and Courtney Kohn as candidates to replace interim director James Carl.

Carl said the last seven years have been hectic for admissions and enrollment with seven administrators moving from position to position and responsibilities being divided and reorganized.

Carl, Anne De Luca, Tina Collins and Carmen Suarez have held similar positions in admissions and enrollment. Valle, Larry Dezzi, vice chancellor for student affairs, and John Dunn, former interim provost, have served as their bosses during the past seven years.

Carl said it would be nice to have a permanent director in place so the staff can focus on job duties instead of search committees.

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Larsen has served as director of admissions at Mesa State College in Colorado since May 2006. His responsibilities include many of the same tasks SIUC’s open position requires, including overseeing student visit programs, developing presentations and improving recruitment.

Valle said the new director would be a member of her enrollment management team, designed to help retain and recruit new students to reverse the enrollment decline crisis.

At the beginning of candidate visits, Valle said the search committee evaluated prospects on their enthusiasm and focus to make changes.

“We’re looking for the kind of person that has the drive and the strength and the skills to motivate a staff,” Valle said.

Valle said she hopes to name the new director in July, but Carl said it could take longer to make a decision official because the human resources department must review the choice.

The new director could make anywhere between $55,512 and $83,256 depending on experience and qualifications. James is expected to be the last candidate interviewed, but a date has not been set as the search committee awaits a reply.

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Defiant Mugabe refuses to bow to world pressure

Angus Shaw
The Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — President Robert Mugabe acknowledged Tuesday to giving up pressure from Africa and the West, saying the world no longer views him like he but would not cancel this week’s runoff election even though his opponent quiet the race.

South Africa’s ruling party issued a tough-worded statement calling on Mugabe’s government to stop “riding roughshod” over the opposition headed by Morgan Tsvangirai, who quit the presidential contest and sought shelter in the Dutch Embassy.

The African National Congress also warned against international interference following a report in the Times of London that Britain has drawn up contingency plans for deploying troops in Zimbabwe to resolve a political crisis and to evacuate British nationals and their dependents.

“A lasting solution has to be led by Zimbabweans,” Sello Science, the African National Congress, said. “We have not followed through on our pledges to help fund efforts to put more land in the hands of black Zimbabweans.”

“Other people can say what they want, but the elections are ours,” Robert Mugabe, president of Zimbabwe.

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Mafia won’t sleep with the fishes

Luka McCormick

Three 6 Mafia
“Last 2 Walk”
Released: 6-24
Record Label: Sony Records
Web site: triplesix.com

The one glaring misstep on the album is the song “My Own Way,” which messes up the main flow of the album. It disrupts the flow by having Juicy J rap in a slower tempo than the rest of the album, which makes the track sound out of place.

The album rarely sounds like it was put together in one sitting. The songs are tightly woven together, and there is a continuous flow from track to track. The production is consistently on point, with each track being a showcase for the group’s skills.

The album ends with the song “Last 2 Walk,” which is a continuation of the themes explored throughout the album. It’s a fitting conclusion to a fantastic album that is sure to please fans of Three 6 Mafia.

Love Affair creates Herculean debut

Chris McGregor

Hercules and Love Affair
“Hercules & Love Affair”
Released: 6-24 (in North America)
Record Label: DFA Records
Web site: herculesandloveaffair.com

Hercules and Love Affair have produced an astonishing dance album with a perfect balance of solid grooves and catchy lyrics. Andy Butler is responsible for said grooves and receives vocal help from Nooni, Kim Ann Foxman and Antony Hegarty (Antony & the Johnsons).

The interplay between the vocals and the background music is amazing; neither is ever overpowering, nor in your face. The backing instruments are wonderful; diverse and balanced. You hear this most clearly on “Hercules Theme,” the top ticking drummer mixed with the heavy strings and brass combine with effortless vocals floating over it all.

Along with the album’s foot stomping beats, the vocal work is another vital piece to the success of the record. Hegarty delivers his strongest vocal performance to date with his unique voice captivating the listener.

Each song hits heavy on different genres of the past. “Hercules Theme” sounds like a forgotten 1970s disco hit, with its thumping backbeat, horn work, and sharp strings. The layered drums and simple, progressive baseline of “Blind” harkens back to some of Brian Eno’s best work.

The album contains great diversity thanks to multiple vocalists and its exploration into different areas of music producing a fresh atmosphere. The structure of each song is entirely different — you can jam to an almost Parliament level funk song, or relax and search for deeper meaning in the peaceful, slow-burnin’ “Fris.”

Hercules and Love Affair is the perfect album of a thriving somewhat underground dance/electronic/house music revival. This is in large part due to their label home, DFA records, which is also responsible for releases from bands like The Rapture and LCD Soundsystem. DFA is one cog in a burgeoning scene of smart dance music.

Hercules and Love Affair have put together an excellent debut album. Butler surrounds himself with superb artists who add to his already complex music. This debut is definitely worth a listen and by summer’s end, listeners will be wondering how they ever danced without it.

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Injustice within the system

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Imagine the feeling of being instructed back into your vehicle in the parking lot of your apartment building, only to be taken back to the police station.

A man is patting you, telling you in your ear that he’s "just making sure you don't have any bongos in your pockets."

Embarrassing to say the least. You would be hurt and would definitely have an aversion for law, but that was not the end of it. The worst part came as my girlfriend at the time, who wasn’t of the same ethnic background as myself, was driving my car weeks later. She, too, was pulled out of the car after a few comments led her to believe that what I am saying is true. She, too, had been profiled. Though not searched as I was, the commentary was just as hurtful. First he "thought that the seatbelt wasn’t being worn. Then he said that the windows were still tinted."

Both reasons were false. Lastly, for the home run, he tells her he ‘just knew that the car wasn’t hers.’

That was the straw that broke the camel’s back. That shot stung the most.

I feel as if this is all only humanity back 50 years when women didn’t have the freedoms they have now. Not only was I targeted, but now my car was as well. This serves as bad news for anyone needing to borrow my car or they don’t look like me.

There you have it: two people, two different races, sexes and attitudes, both profiled. Is that the type of society we seek? At all? It just goes to show that without the proper knowledge, anyone can end up on the wrong side of an officer’s discriminatory actions.

When will officers start looking at people? We’re more than just a driver’s license number, we’re human beings just like you being.

Being a student from Chicago has had its prejudices too, especially from those whom I have expected to exhibit southern hospitality. Yet none of these incidents hurt more than the emotional onslaught by Officer Beef.

To this day, I hope that the world will change, and the day will come when police officers talk to citizens, shake their hands and even learn to care a little.

Lose the "tough guy", folded-arm, "I am the authority" stance as well as your prejudices, minds, and hearts to all the help the people are trying to give you.

Flowers is a senior studying biological sciences.

Our word

Keeping qualifications a priority

SIUC took a large step in the right direction Monday afternoon.

After a nationwide search, Michelle Suarez was named the executive director for the SIU Alumni Association. She has been involved with this university since 1985 and has held the interim position for the past six months. The final decision was made by the M.B. Turner Foundation to offer her the position over Mayor Brad Cole.

Rumors have flown throughout the community about the alleged “back-scratching” Cole did when it came to supporting Saluki Way. In August, the Carbondale City Council voted to donate $20 million to the university over 20 years to aid SIUC in building several buildings on campus. Cole cast the deciding vote.

Ten months later, his candidacy for a high-ranking university position has many community members doing some scratching of their own — on their heads.

Through the length of the decision-making process, many thought the university might have already made its choice to offer Cole the position. History is spotted with incidents in which authority has simply succumbed to bureaucracy — a scratched back for a scratched back. In this instance, SIU opted to stray from the trend.

Suarez graduated from SIUC with two degrees and continued her involvement with the university for 23 years, starting her run as the SIU Arena event coordinator.

Since then, she included nine years in the SIU Arena department, 20 as the Shryock Auditorium publicist and almost five as the Alumni Association director of member services.

Recently, administrators have expressed concern about the lack of diversity within the university’s administration.

As of March, men held 16 of the top administrative positions at SIUC, including the chancellor, the four vice chancellors and the 11 deans.

Hiring Suarez increases the amount of women in higher positions at the university, slowly but surely keeping the goal on track.

With all the instability this university has faced, removing any “interim” before a position’s title is almost always a positive move, even more so when the position is being filled with an extremely qualified candidate who has the drive and motivation to move this university forward.

The university went against the grain and upheld its integrity, offering the position to the candidate who has the best qualifications.

Guest column

Smoking cessation is achievable

The Wellness Center

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable, premature death in the United States. The American Cancer Society attributes 440,000 deaths due to tobacco-related illness every year. Heart disease, various forms of cancer, stroke, chronic lung disease and other illnesses account for this toll.

If one out of every five regular cigarette smokers will die due to their use, why is it so hard to quit?

First and foremost, nicotine is a powerful and addictive drug. Simply put, nicotine and other drugs of abuse provide a feeling of euphoria, an alteration of the brain chemistry.

With more use, this euphoric feeling is minimized instead translating into a need. This need is the brain, which has developed tolerance to the drug and therefore requires more use of the drug to get the desired effect to feel normal.

When quitting smoking, withdrawal occurs because this need for the drug that has developed within the brain has not been met. Symptoms of quitting can be physical, such as headaches, insomnia, decreased heart rate and increased appetite. Symptoms can also be psychological, including anger, depression, difficulty concentrating, anxiety and irritability. Withdrawal can produce intense cravings, making commitment to a non-smoking goal difficult.

Another psychological effect of smoking often overlooked is the relationship developed with the act of smoking. Cigarettes become an intimate part of life. They are smoked when happy. They are smoked when angry. They are smoked after a meal, before bedtime, after sex, upon waking up, between classes and so on.

The inhaling and exhaling of the smoke manages emotions, with cigarettes becoming a coping tool for regulating our moods. The challenge becomes giving up this unhealthy relationship, being willing to suffer in its loss and processing the grief.

For these and other reasons, it is important to develop a support system. Creating a plan for quitting is instrumental in the process. The effective plan will describe how an individual chooses to cut down or quit smoking cold turkey or gradually and will describe who will be a part of that support system, such as family, friends and counselors. This plan will provide tools and mechanisms to confront cravings and avoid triggers, such as nicotine replacement therapy, cravings management medication, behavioral replacements for cigarettes, cognitive restructuring therapy and psychotherapeutic awareness development regarding reasons for use.

Rewarding oneself is important, based upon short-term, daily goals. Each personalized plan is different, focusing on individual strengths and replacing the meaning and actions of cigarette use with other behavior.

Ideas to help you get started developing a smoking cessation plan can be found at the Illinois Tobacco Quitline, 1-866-QUIT-YES, which is funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health and managed by the SIUC Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development.

Another resource can be found at www.stopsmokingcenter.net. Personal counselors are available at the Wellness Center to assist with any questions and to assist in your smoking cessation goals. The Student Health Center can assist smoking cessation, but only if you take the first step.

For confidential help quitting smoking, alcohol or other drug issues, contact the Wellness Center at 536-4441.

Two minutes of truth

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Imagine the feeling of being instructed back into your vehicle in the parking lot of your apartment building, only to be taken back to the police station. I was asked a lot questions; we’re not only looking for answers in your pockets.

Embarassing to say the least. You would be hurt and would definitely have an aversion for law, but that was not the end of it. The worst part came as my girlfriend at the time, who wasn’t of the same ethnic background as myself, was driving my car weeks later. She, too, was pulled out of the car after a few comments led her to believe that what I am saying is true. She, too, had been profiled. Though not searched as I was, the commentary was just as hurtful. First he “thought that the seatbelt wasn’t being worn. Then he thought that the windows were still tinted.”

Both reasons were false. Lastly, for the home run, he tells her he “just knew that the car wasn’t hers.”

That was the straw that broke the camel’s back. That shot stung the most.

I feel as if this is all only humanity back 50 years when women didn’t have the freedoms they have now. Not only was I targeted, but now my car was as well. This serves as bad news for anyone needing to borrow my car or they don’t look like me.

There you have it: two people, two different races, sexes and attitudes, both profiled. Is that the type of society we seek? At all? It just goes to show that without the proper knowledge, anyone can end up on the wrong side of an officer’s discriminatory actions.

When will officers start looking at people? We’re more than just a driver’s license number, we’re human beings just like you being.

Being a student from Chicago has had its prejudices tossed my way, especially from those whom I have expected to exhibit southern hospitality. Yet none of these incidents hurt more than the emotional onslaught by Officer Beef.

I just hope that the world will change, and the day will come when police officers talk to citizens, shake their hands and even learn to care a little.

I am the authority arm, I am the authority stance as well as your prejudices, minds, and hearts to all the help the people are trying to give you.

Flowers is a senior studying biological sciences.
By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday 06-25-08: This year is about changes, and there will be a lot of them. If you've been thinking about implementing a few, work on your plans. You'll find your opportunity, so be prepared.

To get the advantage, check the day's reading. SD is the easiest, D the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5. Sometimes you're bold and brassy, but you don't always have to be. It's good, every once in a while, to take some time off to vegetate. Do whatever's comforting tonight.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7. When you do what you love, the money is supposed to follow. If you haven't noticed that happening, maybe you need to work on your skills. You need to do it very well.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7. — Your suggestion just proved acceptance. Somebody else doesn't. So what are you waiting for? Get your ideas out there! There's not a moment to waste.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7. — Better not talk about your plans, you may want to change them. Pay special attention to traffic, too. There's plenty of confusion out there.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5. — You're interested in big winnings, but you're more likely to find big losses if you stay on course. Conditions improve tomorrow. Do something else in the mean time.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7. — You can throw away your axe, hold on to the most important things. Let go of something you don't need, with a grimace.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5. — Your guard is down, and someone is going to take advantage of you. Break free!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7. — Resist the temptation to gamble. This will not be easy. Keep all your receipts when you go shopping; they can be a great help for looking up things, especially on legible forms. Guard against serious losses.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5. — Your guard is down, and someone is going to take advantage of you. Break free!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7. — If you're bartering, it's always good to have something to throw away. Hold on to the most important things. Let go of something you don't need, with a grimace.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5. — You may just have to say no to an associate's suggestion. Set aside your altruism for a moment and practical everything, even charity, needs to be done in moderation.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5. — DON'T push your luck. Although it seems like everything is going your way, there's at least one obstacle you'll have to overcome. Watch out for it.

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In the camp’s first year, Hill esti-
mated he had about 70 campers. This
year more than 150 kids from around
the town of Du Quoin,” Hill
said. “It’s a great small town and they
really get behind their sports. The
people here are great as it’s a perfect
little place to hold a camp like this.”

This is Hill’s first trip back home
since being signed by the Bears. All
NFL players have the next month
off before the start of training camp,
where he will try to move up the
depth chart at quarterback where he
is currently third behind Rex
Grossman and Kyle Orton.

“I like Germany from here on out. I
really been the darling of this
tournament, the title seems up for grabs.
So, who will win?”

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Olympics

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“My main focus is just trying to
make the national team and
just qualify,” she said. “I want to
make the standard and repre-
sent the Bahamas again.”

Nyles Stuart will also try to
qualify in the long jump. He
attempted to qualify for the
Bahamian national squad before
the 2000 and 2004 Summer
Olympics, but came up short.
Bianca Stuart said her
brother and her father, a for-
mur long jumper, are her biggest
influences in her sport.

“I’m going to try to
qualify in the long jump. He
has coached and by
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with weight lifting and prac-
tice, she can excel.”

“I'm trying to teach
her to do is use that speed
with her ability to
get off the board to
hop up higher into the
air,” Scott said. “If she masters
her sprints in the past few
years, she’ll definitely
have the ability to make it
to the Olympic level. He
said her biggest obstacle is
maintaining
confidence in herself.

“As time goes, as she gets
older, she’s getting more con-
fident,” he said. “I mean she's
jumping further every year.”

Bianca Stuart is a
discuss athlete, Scott said she
sometimes wonders where all of
her power comes from. He
said she is one of the most explosive
jumpers he has coached and by
combining her natural ability
with weight lifting and prac-
tice, she can excel.

“Right now I’m
running almost
every day in preparation.
She will
come up short
in the long jump. He
said she’s always
lived up to his
expectations.

So, who will win?

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The road to Beijing starts here

Saluki track athletes head to Olympic qualifying this week

Brandon Augsburg

Beijing is a long way from Carbondale, but a few SIU track athletes are hoping to get an all-expense-paid trip to China in August to compete in the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Junior jumper Bianca Stuart as well as former Saluki track athletes Brittany Riley, Ty-Nica Davis and Nyles Stuart leave Carbondale today to head to Olympic qualifying.

Bianca Stuart and her brother, Nyles, a 2003 graduate, will attempt to make the Bahamian national squad and represent their country in the games. Riley and Davis, a 2007 graduate, are headed to Eugene, Ore., to compete for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team.

Riley, a hammer thrower, has been through the rigors of qualifying before as she made the U.S. National Team last year, which allowed her to compete at the 2007 World Championships in the hammer throw. But she said this time is a little different.

“I think there is a little more pressure because it’s the Olympics. I think everybody is a little more serious about this one.”

Not only is there more pressure, but Riley, a 2008 graduate, is battling a sore hamstring. She said she tweaked her leg muscle Sunday while practicing and has not thrown for the past few days. The first hammer throw qualifier are not until July 3, however, and Riley said she expects her leg to feel fine by then.

“I definitely still will be competing,” she said.

Riley said she is heading to Oregon early so she can continue to train with her coach, John Smith. Getting there early would also give her a chance to get familiar with the throwing pit before he has to compete, which she said is important considering the magnitude of the event.

“It’s a tremendous opportunity for me to be able to go out and compete,” Riley said.

Bianca Stuart, a long jumper, is also a seasoned veteran when it comes to qualifying for her national team, though she has never made an Olympic squad. Bianca Stuart began running track when she was five years old, and has represented the Bahamas as a junior and senior in both the Central American and Caribbean and the North American, Central American and Caribbean Championships numerous times.

Bianca Stuart attempted to qualify for the 2004 Summer Olympics when she was 16, but failed to make the squad. She said she feels more prepared this time around and hopes to finally get an Olympic bid.

Her first attempt at qualifying this year will be Saturday. See OLYMPICS, Page 11

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